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"Gift Gouging"

The Twelve Price Tags of Christmas

By Virginia Morgan

With the higher cost of labor this year, the cost for "nine ladies dancing, 10 lords-a-leaping, 11 pipers piping, and 12 drummers drumming" has increased since last year. The total price tag for gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" this holiday season is \$66,334 — up from \$65,216 in 2003.

The abundance of cheaper labor in countries such as India and China has resulted in pressure on U.S. manufacturers to outsource skilled labor. As a result, the cost of skilled dancers has increased while the unskilled "eight maids-a-milking" haven't had an increase in pay in many years.

One "partridge in a pear tree" has increased 20 percent to \$93; with the partridge costing \$15 (no increase) but the pear tree cost went up 24.5 percent to \$78. The high cost of fuel is reflected in the cost to deliver a pear tree.

Surprise! The "five golden rings" has seen a 29.4 percent decrease. International demands on the commod-



Above: The Gateway Babe Ruth 14-year-old All-Star team recently won the District 7 championship by coming out of the losers bracket to take the title in by defeating Falmouth 28-2 and 9-0 in the final. The team finished fourth overall in the state. The Gateway team was managed by Ron Frazier Jr. and coached by Brian Heselton, Rick Amicucci and Ken Swartz. The team was comprised of 15 players all of whom played roles in the District championship effort: Steve Eldridge and Richie King from Carver; Jon Capachione, Andrew Martel, Myles Heselton, Ryan Shove, Jesse Frazier and Lorenzo Grosso from Wareham; and Ryan Lanagan, Ross Ferguson, Kyle Amicucci, Ben Bergeron, Jeff Barrett, Ben Swartz and C.J. Glidden from Old Rochester.



Above: Local favorites the Harpoon Harmonizers of New Bedford brought some musical holiday cheer to the members of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club during their Thursday, December 9 luncheon with a Holiday Sing-Along. The choral group performed for the club in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Hall and was led by manager Fred Medina. (Photo by and courtesy of Jennifer Shepley).

Cover: Students from Mattapoisett's Center School production of The Nutcracker are gearing up for the annual performance of the holiday classic to be staged on Wednesday, December 22 at 9:30 am in the Center School Auditorium. The cast includes Andrew Maestas as Judge Drosselmeyer; Amanda Carreiro as Clara; Lee Estes as Fritz; and Lucas Johns as The Nutcracker. The show is directed by Jean West, produced by Sandy Thomas, with set design by Luice Moncevitich. Many parents also helped to make the fantastic costumes for this festive holiday gem. (Photo by and courtesy of Laura McLean).

HOLIDAY NOTICE

The office of The Wanderer will be closed from December 27 to December 31. We will not be publishing an issue on December 30. Our next regular issue will be January 6, 2005.

Display Advertisers: The deadline for the January 6, 2005 issue is December 24, 2004.

Have a Happy Holiday!

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The cost of feathered friends in the song has shown the most fluctuations in price. The \$15 partridge and the \$3,500 swans are relatively steady, according to the Cincinnati Zoo. However, the price of "three French hens" (\$45) and "six geese-a-laying" (\$210) saw significant increases, and may be caused by fewer hatchlings during this breeding cycle. Turtle doves, on the other hand, may have had more fruitful breeding cycles creating an overflow of birds and a 31 percent decline to \$40 in the price of doves in the Christmas classic. The "four calling birds" declined slightly to \$396.

Since 1984, investment strategists of PNC Bank advisors has provided a tongue-in-cheek economic analysis based on the cost of goods and services purchased by True Love in the holiday classic "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Not only is the high cost of fuel reflected in the cost to deliver a pear tree, but this year's index also underscores the trend to outsource labor. Skilled labor mentioned in the song — such as wages for the dancing ladies — have increased 5.5 percent annualized over 20 years.

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Gateway Fourteens Win District Title

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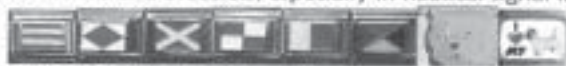
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Andrew Martel pitched brilliantly throughout District play as in 17 innings of work allowed only three earned runs while striking out 26. **Jon Capachione** was on fire at the plate as he collected an amazing 16 hits and 17 RBIs. **Myles Heselton** also had 12 hits of his own with 11 RBIs. **Ryan Shove**, **Richie King**, and **Kyle Amicucci** each scored 9 runs. **Ryan Lanagan** was terrific behind the plate as he along with **Ross Ferguson**, **Jesse Frazier**, **Ben Bergeron**, **Steve Eldridge** and **Lorenzo Grosso** all managed to hit over .375 in the tournament. **C.J. Glidden** provided four solid innings of relief and three key hits. **Ben Swartz** caught for **Lanagan** when he pitched doing a fine job. **Jeff Barrett** provided fine defense and excellent speed on the bases stealing three.

Gateway hitters collected an astounding 104 hits in the seven games while **Martel**, **Heselton** and **Capachione** each won two games while **Lanagan** won one all pitching very well.

Gateway advanced to the State championship round which was played at Adams field in Quincy, MA. Gateway lost a extra inning heartbreaker in game one 5-4 to Lynn. **Heselton**, **Lanagan**, and **Capachione** provided

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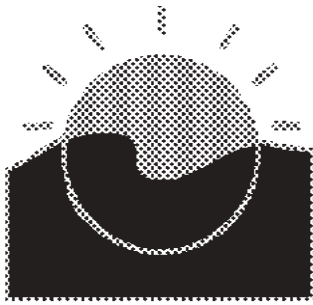
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key hits and RBIs. **Capachione** had three hits in the game. **Ross Ferguson** reached base three times while **Kyle Amicucci**, **Jesse Frazier** and **Jeff Barrett** all collected hits in the game. **Andrew Martel** was brilliant on the mound as he fanned 11 in seven strong innings of work. In game two **Myles Heselton** went the distance also fanning 11 as Gateway defeated Hingham-Hull, 4-2. **Heselton** helped his own cause at the plate with a hit and RBI, **Capachione** stole three bases and scored a key run on an RBI single by **Richie King**.

Jeff Barrett also had a big RBI hit as did **Ryan Shove** who had two hits in the game. However Gateway's run came to an end with a 6-0 loss to Quincy. **Andrew Martel**, **Lorenzo Grosso**, **Jesse Frazier**, **Ryan Lanagan**

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and **Ryan Shove** all recorded hits but Gateway could not string any hits together.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 13, 2004

By **Kenneth J. Souza**

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 13 at 7:07 pm by Chairman Gary Laboa. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Bradford Morse, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first unanimously approved the minutes of the December 6 meeting and then met with Police Chief Paul Magee to consider the appointment of Eric Geake as a part-time police officer with the Rochester Police Department. Mr. Geake, who currently resides on Cape Cod, has worked for the past two year with the

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With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Geake as a part-time police officer and welcomed him to the Rochester force.

The board next signed and approved a Class I License Renewal for R.F. Morse, Inc.; Used Car Dealer's Class II License Renewals for Charles Nunes, The Custom Shop, Eben Bumpus, Charles Woodward (C&C Auto), and Vaughan Hill Motors; and a Class III License Renewal for High Street Auto. A pending Class III License Renewal for Murphy's Auto & Truck Salvage was held upon a recommendation from Police Chief Paul Magee until a recent complaint from an abutter was checked into and/or resolved.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon discussed various pending litigation matters and an update from Town Counsel on the pending cases and also noted that he's worked out the phone system for the future Town Hall Annex at the Rochester Woman's Club. Mr. Huntoon noted they can use the town's existing Centrix phone system to relay calls to the Route 105 location.

Mr. Huntoon also noted the board needed to complete performance evaluations for the three non-union employees under their purview: the Building Inspector; Fire Chief and Chief Dispatcher. The board has scheduled sit-down interviews with each for Tuesday, January 18.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

- Letter of appreciation from Jim and Holly Vogel thanking Rochester Police Officer Kevin Flynn for his assistance during a recent gathering at Wellspring Farm. "We arranged for the assistance of a police officer to assist

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- Payment in lieu of taxes from SEMASS in the amount of \$273,877 for 100,879 tons of trash collected during the month of November 2004. Chairman Laboa noted that although this amount is slightly higher than November 2003, the overall total for SEMASS this year is slightly less than last year's.

- Letter from Rochester Democratic Committee Chairman Carol J. St. Don requesting the use of Town Hall on Saturday, February 5 from 9:00 to 11:00 am for their

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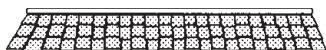
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annual Democratic Caucus. The board unanimously approved the use of Town Hall for this purpose.

Under Old Business, the board revisited the pending sale of 26.28 acres of property on Sarah Sherman Road owned by Karl J. Ashley III which Mr. Ashley applied to have removed from a Chapter 61A conservation restriction. Last week the board wanted clarification on whether the entire 26.28 acres were being removed from Chapter 61A or just two acres of the total as per the notice they received. Selectman Morse was confused because the wording of the cover letter and the notice were different.

"Personally, as a Selectman, I'm not interested in this property ... I just want to make sure it's done right," Selectman Morse said.

"All we're asking is for two acres to be removed from Chapter 61A ... the balance of the property will remain in 61A," said Mark Wellington, who was present on behalf of Mr. Ashley.

After clarifying the language on the conservation restriction to specify the removal of only the two acres, the board unanimously voted to approve the removal of the land from the Chapter 61A restriction as requested.

In other matters, the board:

- Announced they are seeking volunteers to serve on a Wind Power Study Committee for Rochester. The committee — like ones recently formed in Mattapoisett and Marion — will look into possible uses of wind power energy in the tri-town area, including a potential siting at ORR High School. Those interested should submit letters to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770.

- Discussed the need to update the town's Master Plan, which is now "seven years old," according to Selectman Nunes. But Mr. Huntoon noted that under state statute he believes the Planning Board needs to appoint



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members to the Master Plan Committee. Mr. Huntoon said he will get in touch with the Planning Board on this matter.

- Agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the ORR Drama Club on their recent production of *A Christmas Carol*, which Selectman Nunes said was "terrific."

- Noted the next regional Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

- Noted they would hold their next regular meeting on Monday, December 20, but agreed to not hold any meetings during the week between the Christmas and New Years holiday (December 27 - December 31).

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:10 pm.

Sports Shorts

Mattapoisett Basketball

- **Fourth Grade Playoffs, Game One:** It was **Boston College vs. Holy Cross** and **Greg Valentgas** had a great all-around game with 12 points and strong rebounding to lead the Eagles to victory. Also scoring for the Eagles were **Will Coucci, Alex Gordon, Chris Tippins**, and **Andrew Reilly**. **Ben Coucci** and **Andre Fontaine** led in assists with **Gabby Hoag** grabbing rebounds.

The Crusaders were led offensively by **Everett Coulter** and **Quinn Henshaw**. **Chris Moniz** and **Kylie**

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Faison were strong on the board with **Kurt Kroninger**, **Meghan McDonough**, **Jessie Hodges**, and **Casey Silveira** playing great defense.

• **Fourth Grade Playoffs, Game Two:** In the face-off between **Providence College** and **UConn**, **Cam Severino**, **Kevin Tripp**, and **Alex Buckley** each scored 10 points to give the Friars the win. **Tom Gammell** and **Katelyn Cummings** were big on the boards with **Olivia Decas** and **Katie Wilbur** playing great hustle defense.

Peter Krause, **Brian Tranfaglia**, **Jimmy Gamache**, and **Spencer Grace** led the Huskies offensively with strong defensive performances from **Madison Gougen**, **Kristin Nascimento**, **Chris Nicolosi**, and **Isabelle Gillis**.

• **Championship Series:** The **Providence College Friars** and the **Boston College Eagles** advanced to the best-of-three Championship Series. Both teams played a great series getting the best out of each player. The Friars won the series, 2-0.

The **2004 Fourth Grade Basketball Champions** are the **Providence College Friars** coached by **Sus Wilbur** and **Debbie Freedman**. Congratulations to the Friars:



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

Rabbit diet

My pet rabbit is getting fat. I feed her pellets and occasional lettuce.
An all pellet diet is not healthy for rabbits. It promotes obesity, overgrown teeth, diarrhea, and the formation of hairballs in the stomach.

What should I feed my rabbit?

Pet rabbits need high amounts of fiber. This is best supplied by a diet of timothy hay and other grass hays. Avoid alfalfa as it has too much calcium and protein. The rabbit should be fed as much of this hay as she wants.

What about lettuce?

Romaine and other leaf lettuces are OK but iceberg lettuce has no nutritional value. Try feeding your rabbit other green vegetables but introduce them gradually. Give the rabbit a small piece of a vegetable such as broccoli. You can double the amount given on each subsequent day. This allows the bacteria in the rabbits intestine to acclimate to the new food. Overfeeding a new food can cause diarrhea and even death.

Are there other foods to avoid?

Avoid starchy foods such as oats, cheerios, potatoes, and most other foods that we like. Stick with hay, vegetable that are slowly introduced and some pellets.

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The UConn Huskies and the Holy Cross Crusaders rounded out this year's league. The UConn Huskies, coached by **Peter Krause** and **Tony Tranfaglia**, included: **Jimmy Gamache, Isabelle Gillis, Madison Gougen, Spencer Grace, Peter Krause, Kristin Nascimento, Chris Nicolosi, and Brian Tranfaglia.** The Holy Cross Crusaders, coached by **Christina Faison**, featured: **Everett Coulter, Kylie Faison, Quinn Henshaw, Jessie Hodges, Kurt Kroninger, Meghan McDonough, Chris Moniz, and Casey Silveira.**

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The **Marion Recreation Committee** is sponsoring a free **Coach Certificate Program** for anyone who is interested in working with the children of Marion. The six sessions will be held in the **Marion Music Hall** on **Wednesdays, January 5, February 2 and March 2** from **6:00 to 7:15 pm.**

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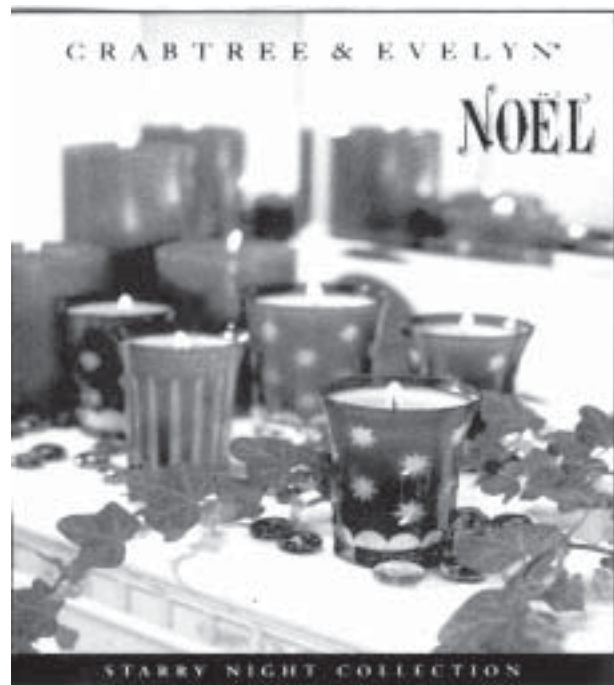
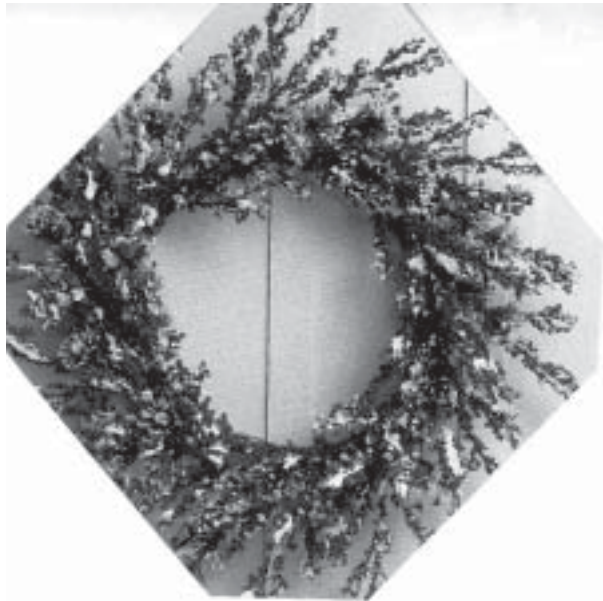
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He played or coached on five championship teams and was named to all-star teams each year he played. As a high school senior, Matt co-captained the top ranked football team in New Jersey. It ranked third in the nation. He also co-chaired the Personal Development Program, a peer-counseling program where junior and senior students mentor first year students to fulfill state mandated health curriculum and to make healthy life choices.

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Wareham Recreation

The 2004 **Wareham Recreation Christmas Parade** will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2004 at 4:15 pm. Participants should be in line by 3:45 pm. The parade will start at Besse Park and continue up to the Town Hall parking lot.

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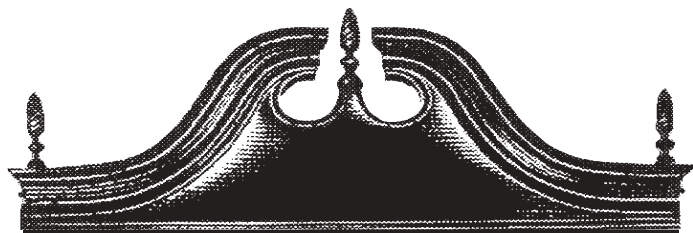


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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The LoRusso proposal is to create a 680-acre strip mine in the middle of a residential area in East Rochester. This open pit mine is allowed to remove material down to four feet above the groundwater level.



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Angry neighbors in East Rochester and West Wareham who are concerned about what is happening to their community have joined to create the Pierceville Neighborhood Association. Pierceville is an old and historic name for this area with associations to both towns.

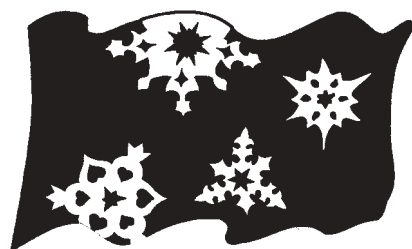
This could add 500 to 1,000 or more heavy trucks per day to the traffic in this congested residential area. The trucks will run on and destroy lightly-built Wareham and Rochester roads without compensation to either town. Everyone in Pierceville will experience intolerable, destructive shaking and dust. The school children who wait for twelve separate school bus pickups and drop-offs will be in serious danger from these heavily-loaded, hurrying trucks.

Many residents depend on shallow wells, 16-20 feet; the leachate from the decomposing organic material will threaten the quality of water for those families.

Rochester will get no additional revenue from this project; it already collects the property tax. Rochester will get significant additional costs. Wareham, of course, will see only costs from this project.

The goals and objectives of the Pierceville Neighborhood Association are:

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The Pierceville Neighborhood Association is looking forward to working with the Wareham Community and Economic Development Authority and with the committee revising the obsolete Rochester Master Plan.

Sincerely,
Dan A. McGaffey
Rochester

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Old Rochester Regional High School will be hosting an evening called "The First Annual Basketball Holiday Cheer" to help out an alum of ORR, James Henry, who was injured and partially paralyzed earlier this year. The event will take place on Thursday, December 23 beginning with a 6:00 pm with a girls basketball game with the ORR High School varsity team competing against the women's alumni. The boys varsity team will play at 7:30 pm and compete against the men's alumni.

Throughout the evening, there will be a Silent Auction with some exciting items to be bid on, including sports tickets and a variety of gift baskets. Tickets at the door will be \$5 and all proceeds will go directly to James Henry, formerly of Marion. If you would like to make an additional donation, you may mail it or drop it off at Plymouth Savings Bank, payable to the "James Henry Fund."

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More Flu Clinics

Flu Vaccine is now available for all Marion and Mattapoisett residents, aged 65 years or older.

Clinics for Marion residents will be held at the Marion Town House, Spring Street in Marion, on Monday, December 20 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, and on Monday mornings (except holidays) from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

Clinics for Mattapoisett residents will be held at Center School, Barstow Street in Mattapoisett, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 to 11:00 am (except holidays).

Vaccination of eligible homebound residents is ongoing. If you are a Marion homebound resident unable to attend a public clinic, please notify the Marion Board of Health at 508-748-3530. If you are a Mattapoisett homebound resident unable to attend a public clinic, please notify the Mattapoisett Public Health Nurse at 508-758-4118.

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The extra state and local enforcement for this *You Drink & Drive - You Lose* mobilization is made possible by \$493,700 of grant funding from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, a program of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. To alert the public of this additional enforcement, *You Drink & Drive - You Lose* ads will run statewide on TV and radio.

"During this holiday season, we'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive aggressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats," said Rochester Police Chief Paul H. Magee. "All of our efforts are to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends."

You Drink & Drive - You Lose mobilizations in Massachusetts and across the nation have resulted in notable reductions in impaired driving. The percentage of alcohol-related fatalities in Massachusetts dropped from 49 percent in 2002 to 45 percent in 2003, while during the same time the national rate dropped from 41 percent to 40

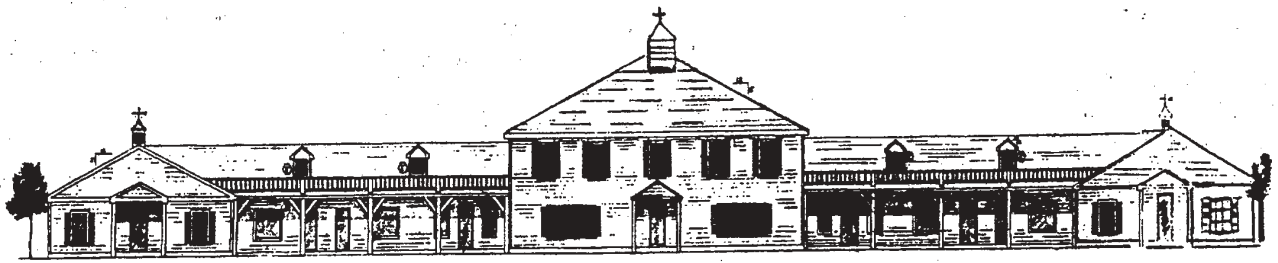
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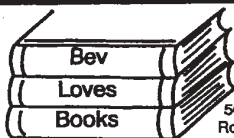
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percent. Despite this progress, in 2003 there were 17,013 alcohol-related fatalities nationwide with 207 of these in Massachusetts.

In 2002, nearly 16,000 people were arrested for impaired driving in Massachusetts. There were between 100,000 and 110,000 Massachusetts licensed drivers with one prior Operating Under the Influence (OUI) arrest on their record and approximately 30,000 to 40,000 had two or more OUI arrests.

The Rochester Police Department offers the following safety tips to reduce the risk of impaired driving:

- If you're driving, don't drink or use any drugs and be well-rested.
- Choose a sober designated driver before celebrating.
- Use mass-transit, call a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- If necessary, spend the night where the event is being held.
- Report suspected impaired drivers to law enforcement using 911.
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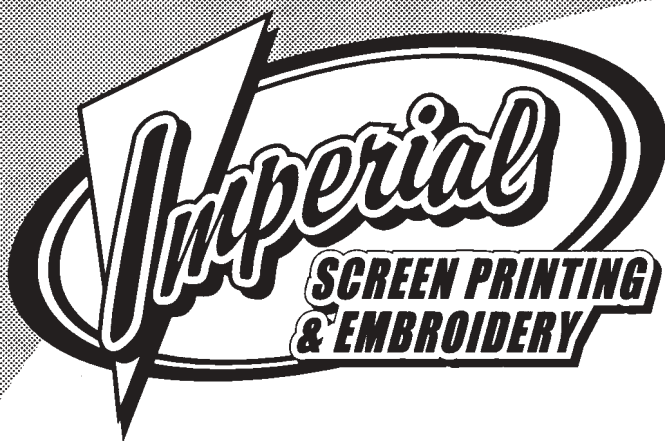
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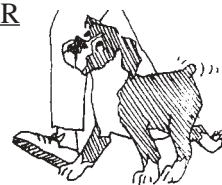
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Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

Holiday caroling at Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held Saturday, December 18 at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration of the music of the holidays. The chapel, quaintly lit by oil lamps and heated by a potbellied stove, provides the perfect old-fashioned setting. Any child who attends is invited to join in the children's choir. Proceeds from a free-will offering are used for the upkeep of the chapel. Children and adults who would like to share a favorite prose, song or instrumental, or to get directions, please call Kate Webb at 508-801-1672 or Nancy Tinkham at 508-758-6249.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Senior Center is now located in Rooms C-130 and C-140 at Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance and park across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school parking lot. The phone number is 508-758-4110 and the center is open 9:00

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If the ORR schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the COA will also be closed, including all programs, trips and other activities scheduled for that day.

Flu shots for seniors ages 65 and older are now being given by the Town Nurse in her office at the Senior Center. Her hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, or by making an appointment (508-758-4118).

Students Create Website

Students at the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester unveiled the website they constructed this semester for State Senator Joan Menard (D-Fall River) this week. The unveiling took place in an assembly on December 15 at Old Colony. "The work these young men and women have done is absolutely incredible" said Senator Menard. "Because of this new site, the constituents of the First Bristol and Plymouth District will now be able to access a wealth of information

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The 15 juniors (Class of 2006) of the Computer Information Technology (CIT) vocational shop developed the content and design of www.senatormenard.com under the guidance of their instructor, John C. Souza. The students employed several technologies in developing the website, including: HyperText Markup Language (HTML), Cascade Style Sheets (CSS), Javascript, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe ImageReady, and Macromedia Flash MX.

"The students learned the objectives of the project by meeting with Senator Menard and her staff at the State House in Boston, and gathered information and took digital photos on a field trip to the Senator's district" Mr. Souza said. "The students did an excellent job in planning, designing, and developing the website in a team atmosphere."

"The educational experience this project has provided has been mutually beneficial to our students and Senator Menard," added Old Colony Superintendent David J. Ferreira. "Our Computer Information Technology youngsters have combined their technical competencies with a real-life civics lesson. We are both excited and pleased to have had the opportunity."

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Mattapoisett Postcard Book

Postcard Memories of Mattapoisett is a great gift idea for friends and relatives. This unique publication containing some 250 picture postcards of Mattapoisett dating from the late 1890s to the 1950s will be on sale at The Ropewalk in Mattapoisett on Saturday, December 18 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The book is also available at the following places: Mahoney's Hardware, Rogers Gallery, The Bookstall in Marion, Euro in Fairhaven, Baker Books and Whaling Museum Gift Shop in New Bedford, as well as at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House. The softcover edition is \$25; the hardcover is \$50.

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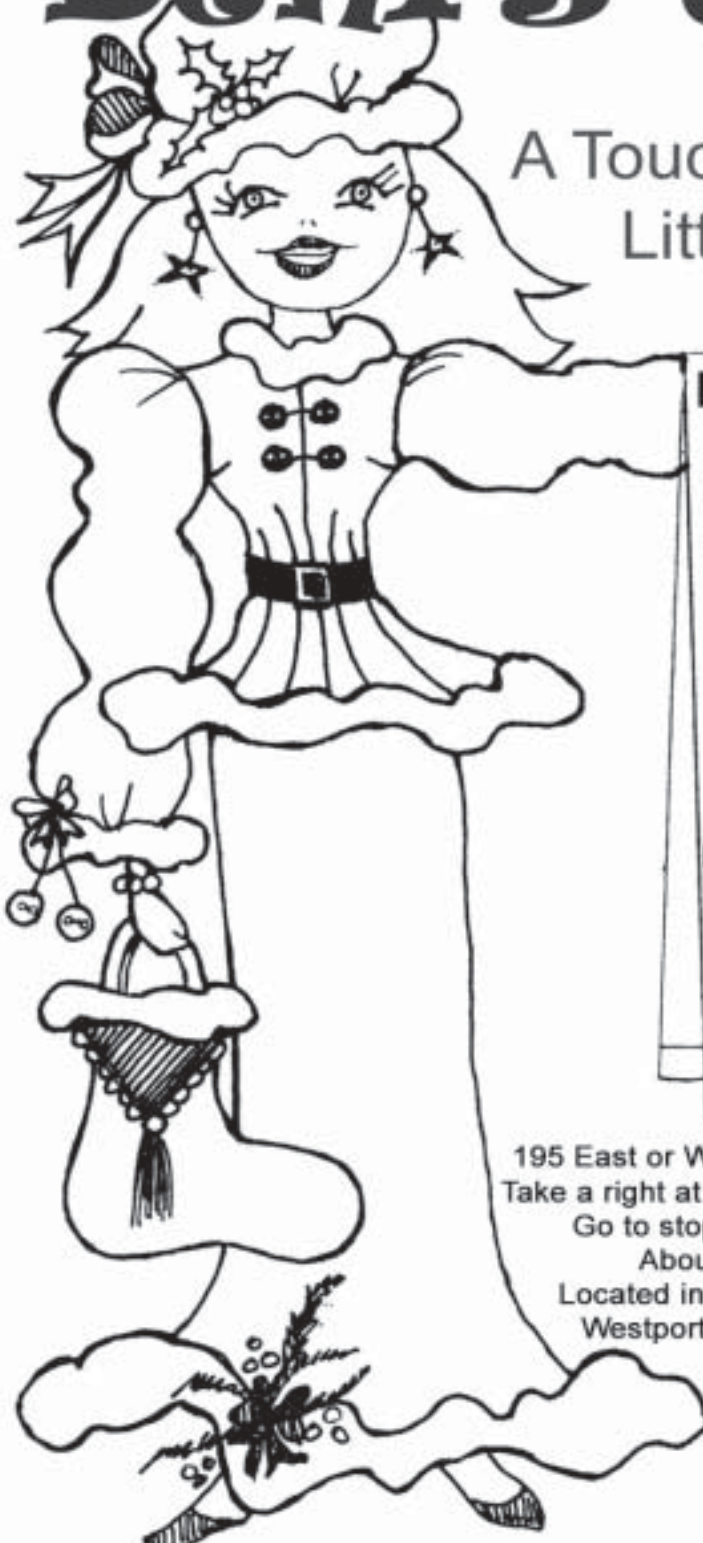


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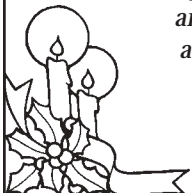
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Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$40. To purchase tickets look for posters in local shops that will be carrying tickets, call Glenna or Mark Sanford at 508-758-6107, mail a check made payable to "Dance for Dana Farber" to Sanfords, 1 Acorn Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or contact us via email at sanfords4@comcast.net.

They are still looking for raffle prizes! They had wonderful contributions last year and are looking to repeat that success once again. If you have a professional service or item you would like to donate, please let them know!

It is sure to be a fun-filled evening, so purchase your tickets, come have a wonderful time, and know that you are contributing to a worthwhile cause. They look forward to seeing you in February!

Mattapoisett Christmas Swim

There's nothing like a brisk swim on Christmas morning! Please join in with a group of local brave swimmers who will be dashing into the ocean at 10:30 am on Christmas morning at the Mattapoisett Town Beach to raise money for local families affected by cancer.

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- Polar Express Pajama Party – Monday, December 20 from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Join the Youth Services Librarian for an evening reading of *The Polar Express*. Bring your favorite blanket or toy, wear your pajamas, and cuddle up for the story and some “hot cocoa as thick and rich as just-melted chocolate bars.” Registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 508-992-5342 or e-mailing Jennifer Inglis at jinglis@sailsinc.org.

- Drop-In Crafts – Tuesday, December 28 from 10:00 to 11:30 am (Toddlers/Preschoolers) and 3:30 to 4:45 pm (School-Aged Kids). Come in and play with the art and craft supplies. Sample crafts will be available, or you

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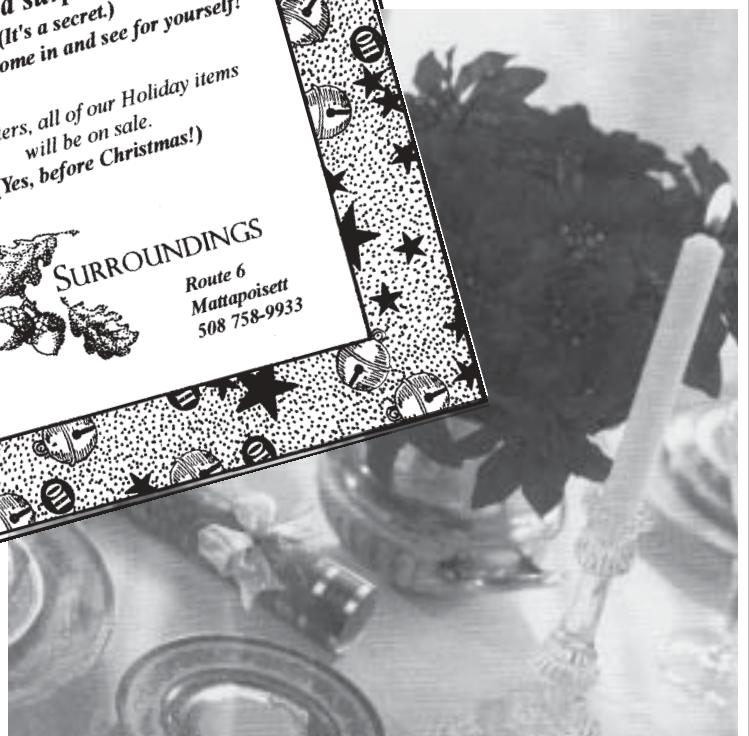
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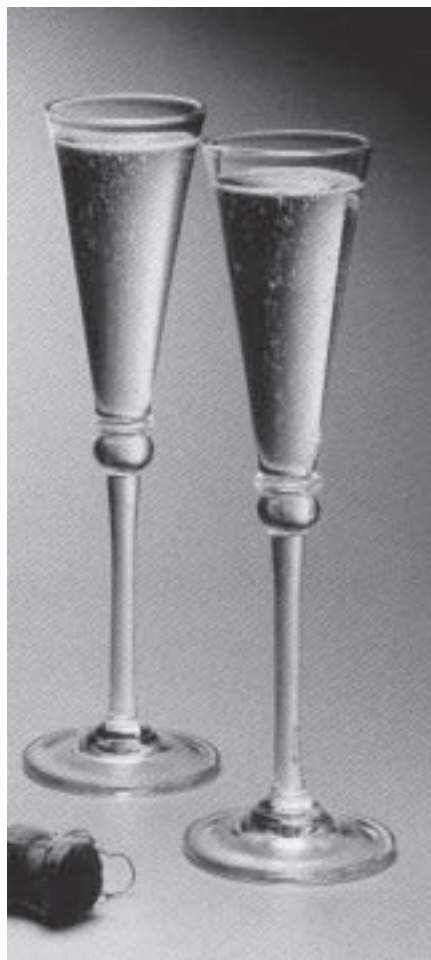


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• Big Ryan's Tall Tales – Thursday, December 30 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Take a break from vacation and hear Big Ryan's Tall Tales about winter. He'll entertain with stories, songs and puppets. Admission is FREE and children ages 3 to 9 are especially encouraged to attend, although others are welcomed as well. Refreshments will follow the show. See more about Big Ryan at his website: <http://bigryanstalltales.com>.

In addition, storytimes will continue on Tuesdays at 10:00 am for toddlers and Fridays at 10:00 am for preschoolers. Storytimes will be held every week with the exception of holiday weeks (if the library is closed any day that week, there will be no storytime) or school vacations. If there is any question about the schedule, please see the library calendar online (www.millicentlibrary.org), printed in the Youth Services Department, or by contacting Jennifer Inglis at 508-992-5342 (jinglis@sailsinc.org).

Marion Flu Clinic

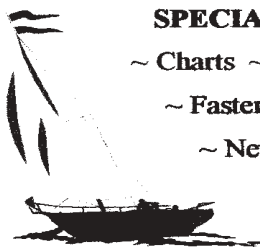
Department of Health Commissioner Christine C. Ferguson announced recently that the flu distribution guidelines would be expanded immediately to include people ages 65 and older and others considered high risk.

"After monitoring the progress of our state-wide flu distribution plan and consulting with members of the health care community administering the flu vaccine, I

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believe the majority of those individuals most at risk for serious complications from the flu have been vaccinated at this time," Ms. Ferguson said.

Since October 27 the threshold age for the at-risk population had been 75, in accordance with emergency guidelines issued by Ms. Ferguson.

She added that those individuals at the greatest risk and certain categories of health care workers have had a five-week period of time during which they were given priority status for flu vaccination. Based upon recent information on the current supply of vaccine, the following guidelines will take effect immediately:

Health care providers should now administer flu vaccine to individuals in the following high risk categories, which are considered of equal importance:

- All children aged six to 23 months;
- Adults age 65 years or older;
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Residents who meet the criteria as outlined above are encouraged to attend one of the following flu clinics to be held at the Marion Town House while the vaccine supply lasts:

• Monday, December 20 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Vaccination of eligible homebound residents is ongoing. If you are a homebound resident unable to attend a public clinic, please notify the Marion Board of Health at 508-748-3530. A \$10 fee will be charged at the clinics to support public health services.

Christmas Tree Benefit

For the past 30 years, Troop 55 of the Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, has sold Christmas trees as their primary fund-raising activity. Trees are on sale now through Sunday, December 19, 2004 at Mike and Wayne's Police, Fire and Medical Equipment, 163 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6) in Fairhaven, between Papa Gino's and Bush Quality Cleaners. The Scouts do the actual "selling" and an adult parent is present at all times while trees are being sold.

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Center School Show

Center School in Mattapoisett has invited Mattapoisett seniors to attend the Center School Holiday Show Dress Rehearsal to be held on Tuesday, December 21 at 9:30 am in the school gymnasium. Please call the Council on Aging (COA) at 508-758-4110 if you can join them.

Mini-Nutcracker in New Bedford

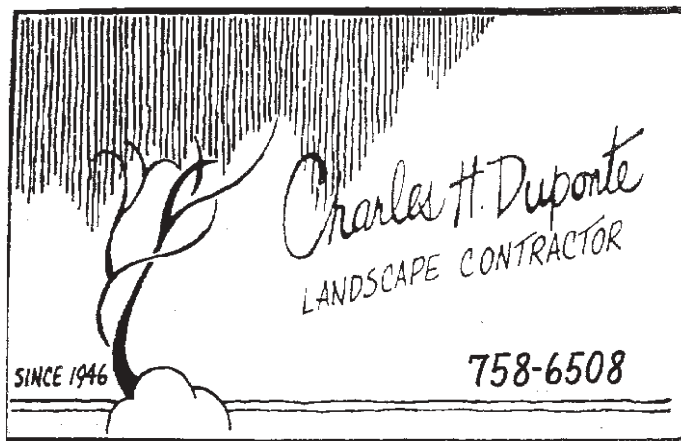
Come along on a magical journey with the New Bedford Youth Ballet dancers to a land of action and drama, as they present *The Nutcracker*. This ballet is a timeless tale of how love can break a spell and bring a fantasy world of dancing to life. Watch life-sized dolls entertain children and adults, meet Drosselmeier, and see the Nutcracker fight the Mouse Queen. Take a journey with Clara to a land of sweets and enchantment. The ballet is a shortened version and is narrated, which makes it ideal for younger children and adults alike.

New Bedford Youth Ballet will be performing this heart-warming story of the Nutcracker on Friday, December 17 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm; and Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The performances will take place at the Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford.

All proceeds from the ballet will go to the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. Throughout the years the foundation has granted numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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Rochester Dog Licenses

The 2005 dog licenses are in and may be obtained now at the Rochester Town Clerk's office. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Monday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please bring current rabies certificate when licensing your dog.

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Other books include *This City and Other Poems* by Everett Hoaglund and *The Boy, Me and the Cat: The Cruise of the Mascot 1912-1913* by Henry M. Plummer, an account of a father and son's sail from Cape Cod to Florida and back aboard a 24-foot catboat. Catie Fuerman's handmade bookmarks are \$5. Reproductions of antique Mattapoisett postcards are .75 cents each or two for \$1, and ornaments of the library are \$3. All proceeds benefit the Friends in support of the library.

Elizabeth Taber Library

Christmas Vacation

On Tuesday, December 28 at 1:30 pm, the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion will celebrate Christmas for the Birds. Children ages 3 to 8 can hear stories of the season and create treats for winter birds. Please register for this program by calling (508-748-1252) or stopping by the library.

On Thursday, December 30 at 1:30 pm, there will be a "Christmas Thank-Yous" program for children of all ages (children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult). Children will create their own note cards and get hints on writing great "thank yous." Please register for this program by calling (508-748-1252) or stopping by the library.

Monday, December 27 and Wednesday, December 29 are Drop-In Activity Days at the library. Children of all ages can learn about Kwanzaa and make paper Kwanzaa "quilts."

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Every Saturday and Sunday during the winter are Drop-In Crafts Days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

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Winter Storytime for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins the week of January 10, 2005. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays, and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Winter Storytime begins January 12, 2005 and continues through February 22. Pre-registration is required.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/marion.

Rochester Flu Clinic

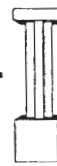
The Rochester Board of Health and Public Health Nurse Laura Ribeiro have announced they will have a limited number of flu vaccine doses. According to Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidelines, they will prioritize the doses available for Rochester residents seventy-five (75) years or older, and those eighteen (18) years and older with a chronic medical condition. This clinic will also be open to anyone fifty (50) years of age or

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Voc-Tech Christmas Carol

The Theatre Company at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to announce its winter production of that immortal tale by Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*. Thought by many to be the greatest Christmas story ever told, the play is loved by adults and children around the world.

Rehearsing since late September, the Voc-Tech Theatre Company is working to create the many Dickens characters and establish an atmosphere resembling that of 1850 London, England. The many young actors have not only worked very hard at bringing their characters to life, but also honestly enjoy the time they spend in bringing about live theatre.

"This is a true holiday classic — one of the greatest Christmas stories ever told," said Gerald A. Morrissey, the Theatre Company's Artistic Director. "It's a play enjoyed by parents and children alike. We're sure it will help get everyone into the spirit of the season."

Leading actors for *A Christmas Carol* are Tim Cabral (Cratchit), Savannah Ramos (Mrs. Cratchit), Matthew Bernardo (Scrooge), Ross Perry (Tiny Tim), Zachary Vezina (Marley), Patrick DaSilva (Fred), Ashley Romano (Christmas Past), Manuel Luz (Christmas Present), and Luz Ramirez (Christmas Future).

There is a supporting cast of nearly thirty. They include Krysten Almeida, Michaela Daisy Arguin, Sarah Arruda, Alana Bergeron, Daniel Bruce, Madison Casteel, Taylor Cormier, Ryan Correia, Ana DeMedeiros, Stephanie Diaz, Mason Dischler, Nicholas S. Ferreira, Lezan Hodge, Yuri Houtman, Zachary Hutton, Angelina Johnson, Amanda Laferriere, Elizabeth Larsen, Lindsey LeBlanc, Jeffrey Lopes, Carissa Machado, Shawna Martins, Erika Pires, Theresa Roderick, Nathan Souza, Faith Ashley Turgeon, Amy Vieira, and Sarah Vieira.

Many in the cast are returning to the stage from past performances at Voc-Tech such as *Wait Until Dark*, *A*

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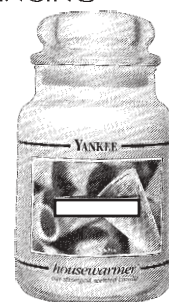
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According to Mr. Morrissey, much of the Voc-Tech Theatre Company's success is due to the help it receives from the many career and technical programs throughout the school. "Putting on one of these theatrical pieces is really a school-wide effort," he said.

Technical programs such as Carpentry, Electrical Technology, Residential Remodeling and Design, Visual Design, Printing Technology, Cosmetology, Fashion Design, and Culinary Arts are responsible for the professional sets, lighting, sound, costumes, make-up, tickets, posters, playbills, painting and annual Spring Dinner Theatre.

Marianne Morrissey serves as Associate Director. Beth LeBlanc is Choreographer.

The production will be held on Thursday through Sunday, December 16 to 19 at 8:00 pm with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available from Mrs. Carole Girouard in the school library or by calling 508-998-3321, extension 424, for reservations. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

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Library Night

Monday, January 10, 2005 is "Library Night" at the Kinsale Inn in Mattapoisett. The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will host a Special Dinner Buffet, with live music provided by husband and wife duet Judy Wallace

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Rochester's Plumb Library

Board Vacancy

A candidate is sought for the Board of Library Trustees to the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester. The board would like to hear from residents interested in serving on the board immediately and running as a possible candidate for a two-year term in the April elections.

Interested candidates should draft a letter to the Board of Trustees stating their interest and giving a brief description of their background. Candidates should have an interest in libraries and be able to attend at least one meeting per month. Trustees normally meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 am. For more information, please call the Plumb Memorial Library at 508-763-8600.

Food for Fines

Do you have some library books long overdue? Are you worried about returning them because you think you have a huge fine to pay? The Plumb Library in Rochester has the solution for you!

December is "Food for Fines" month at the library. Bring in non-perishable food items and deposit them in the Food for Fines basket in the library and they will waive all accrued fines! The Food for Fines campaign was developed by the Board of Trustees and staff to encourage the return of long-overdue items. In the spirit

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Library Hours

The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open Monday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Thursday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

SouthCoast Community Chorale

The SouthCoast Community Chorale, under the musical direction of Frank Wilhelm, will present their annual Christmas Concert featuring Pergolesi's *Magnificat* and a variety of traditional holiday music. The concert will take place at the Parish of the Good Shepherd, 1598 South Main Street, Fall River, on Sunday, December 19 beginning at 4:30 pm.

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Mattapoisett Medical Equipment

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) often receives donations of medical equipment. The COA is happy to loan out for short periods of time such items as walkers, commodes, canes and crutches, a wheelchair, and the like. Just contact the COA office at 508-758-4110 to make arrangements. The COA was recently given a hospital bed with several accessories. If anybody would like to obtain this bed permanently, free-of-charge, please contact COA Director Cheryl Randall (508-758-4110).

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Dinner for Two Dining Books are now available at the Mattapoisett Senior Center which is now located at Center School in Mattapoisett. The "Friends" are selling them again this year as one of their fundraisers. With each coupon at participating area restaurants you buy one meal and get the second one FREE! The cost is \$29.95 for each book and if you buy three books you get the fourth FREE! They make great Christmas gifts for those "hard to buy for" people on your list and, at the same time, you will be helping an organization that devotes itself to enhancing the life of Mattapoisett seniors. If you need delivery, please call Lorraine at 508-758-9780.



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Note: Additional information may be required depending on each situation and some documentation may require notarization. Home visits are also available by request.

Marion Art Center

Holiday Shop

The 21st Annual Holiday Shop is now open at the Marion Art Center. Featured artists and artisans are: Veronique Bale, Karen Berman-Mulligan, David Bill, Gale Blalock, Sarah Brown, Charlotte Kaplan, Jean Chase, Mariah Champagne, Donna Driscoll, Karen Eames, Peter Eames, Ruth Edwards, Peter Guilday, Whare Heke, Sarah Hicks, Elizabeth Howland, Gretchen Joy, Paula Kochanek, Bunny Mogilnicki, Theresa LaBrecque, Lissa Magauran, Faith Martin, Helen McMullen, Joe Montour, Barbara Newman, Sherri Panek, Kyle Pardo, Rose Marie Provonost, Lillian Rose, Mary Ross, Sosie Sagherian, Ginny Stenhauer, Peter Stone, Taye Townley, Carol Vincent, Kim VanVoriss, Stephanie Walenski, Lisa Whitney.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Third Watch

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Blade: Trinity. Starring Wesley Snipes, Jessica Biel, and Ryan Reynolds. Directed by David S. Goyer. Running time: 113 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

In the third and, one hopes, final installment of the *Blade* series, the eponymous vampire-hunting hero (Wesley Snipes) is as stubbornly blank as ever. It's as if Snipes and writer-director David S. Goyer (who also wrote the previous *Blade* films) thought that even a flash of humor, vulnerability, or humanity would compromise the character's integrity. But the Blade of the original *Tomb of Dracula* comics from the '70s wasn't afraid to joke around or smile; he belongs, I guess, to a different era, when black heroes didn't have to be scowling ciphers. Laurence Fishburne in the *Matrix* trilogy, Samuel L. Jackson in the new *Star Wars* films, and certainly Snipes in the *Blade* movies — these are all fine actors with a knack for soulful, complex, funny characters, but you wouldn't know it from these movies. Are the white movie geeks who make these sci-fi/horror flicks reassuring the white audience by robbing powerful black men of any personality?

Blade: Trinity is as much a piece of witless eye candy as the other two, though director Goyer devises nothing as inspired as the "blood bath" sequence that opened the original *Blade* (1998) or the hellaciously ugly übervamps in *Blade II* (2002). The new movie is largely more of the same, adding two characters — Abigail Whistler (Jessica Biel), ass-kicking daughter of Blade's mentor Whistler (Kris Kristofferson), and Hannibal King (Ryan Reynolds), wise-cracking former vampire — who function as T&A and comic relief, respectively. As written here, Hannibal — who in the comics was a vampire who assisted Blade — is actually closer in spirit to the Blade of the comics: tough but witty, boldly contemptuous of vampires to the point of turning them into punchlines.

Throughout this series, Goyer has been fond of throwing in lots of mumbo-jumbo about vampirism as a virus, political squabbles between "pureblood" vamps and "turned" vamps, etc. Here, Blade is pitted against Dracula himself, played by the beefy, profoundly miscast Dominic Purcell, who looks more like a soccer goalie than like the King of Vampires. In Dracula's blood is the vampire virus in its purest form; apparently the bloodline has gotten diluted, because Dracula regards today's bloodsuckers with disdain. Aside from Dracula — who, for his other trick, transforms into some sort of vamp



Sauron clone — there's the snarky vampire Danica Talos, an amusing role for Parker Posey, whose pale skin and extreme widow's peak have always given her the look of a supernatural vixen anyway. For random amusement, there's a vampire *pomeranian*, though not, disappointingly, a pet of Danica's. (Posey's *Best in Show* co-star John Michael Higgins turns up as a smarmy shrink who analyzes Blade.)

Goyer is better at writing action scenes than at directing them; most of the fights go by in a flash, goosed along by hyperactive editing and hampered by cameras that seldom keep a proper distance. *Blade: Trinity* often feels like a third-season episode from a nonexistent *Blade* TV show, meant to introduce characters (Abigail and Hannibal, dubbed "the Nightstalkers") that can be spun off into their own series. It's also clear by now that Dracula should never be used as a supporting player in another character's story — in both *Van Helsing* and in the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* episode featuring him, he came off as a hammy fop, and here he has about as much menace as Stephen Dorff's Deacon Frost in the first *Blade*, and without Frost's malicious wit.

Can much else be done with the vamp-slayer subgenre? Back in the '60s, Roman Polanski's *The Fearless Vampire Killers* turned the legends on their heads — who can forget the Jewish vampire unimpressed by the crucifix? — and recently such horror-comedies as *Bloody Mallory* (from France) and *Jesus Christ, Vampire Hunter* (from Canada) put some oddball, farcical twists on the familiar narrative. But doing this sort of film seriously, with its heroes lugging superior firepower, doesn't give you much that you wouldn't get from a video game: the vampires are reduced to soulless target practice. Blade himself seems as soulless as his prey, too. It may be a plot point that his status as a half-vampire cancels out normal human responses to things, but it would be nice if we saw the *man* underneath the scowl and the pose. As it is, he's more like half-vampire, half-robot.

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 Sideways (R) — Fri: 3:35, 6:30, 9:00; Sat: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30, 9:00; Sun: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30; Mon-Thu: 3:35, 6:30
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 Spanglish (PG-13) — 12:50, 3:55, 7:05, 9:40
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Monday, December 20 – Hot ham and cheese on bagel, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Baked macaroni and cheese, turkey sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 – Chicken nuggets, ham sandwich, rice, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 20 – Cream of broccoli soup, chicken l'orange, scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll, raisins.

Tuesday, December 21 – Pork pattie and gravy, whipped potatoes, winter squash, fruit muffin, apple sauce.

Wednesday, December 22 – Pasta and meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Vienna bread, butterscotch pudding, sugar-free pudding.

Thursday, December 23 – Chicken stir fry, Asian rice, vegetables, Chinese bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE (no meals served).

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 20 – Chicken pattie in a roll, lettuce/tomato, tomato soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, December 20 – Chicken nuggets, BBQ rib on a roll, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, Steak'Ums, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 – Assorted pizza, grilled cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 20 – Chicken pattie in a roll, lettuce/tomato, tomato soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 –

Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 20 – Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, December 21 – Orange juice, meatball sub, potato puffs, green beans, jello.

Wednesday, December 22 – Orange juice, pizza, cold cut sandwich, potato chips, mixed vegetables, fruit.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 20 – Chicken pattie in a roll, lettuce/tomato, tomato soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 20 – Chicken fritters, creamy mashed

potato, steamed baby carrots, soup, Steak'Um with cheese, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Macaroni and cheese, salad greens, broccoli and cheese soup, chilled pears, homemade croissant, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 – Chicken pattie, roll, lettuce/tomato, chicken rice soup, oven fries, orange smiles, pizza, cheeseburger, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 20 – Chicken pattie in a roll, lettuce/tomato, tomato soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 21 – Turkey with gravy, mashed potato, peas, chilled fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 22 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 23 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS VACATION (no school).



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The First Night New Bedford Committee consists of Susan Grace/EncorENTERTAINMENT, Julie Lariviere/WB Mason, Carl Soares and Maria Ortiz/The Maids, John Ford/Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Pat Ford/YMCA, and Dave Antunes/Dave Antunes Sound Company.

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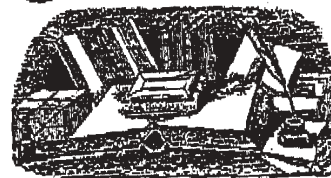
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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 5, 2004 through December 11, 2004:

- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- St. Gabriel's Church/South Street – fire alarm
- Hammett's Cove Drive – burglar alarm
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle complaint
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – assist other police department
- Holmes Street – animal complaint
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle complaint
- Converse Road – emergency services
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Front Street – annoying phone calls
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Indian Cove Road – assist other police department
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – fire alarm
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Planting Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
- Spring Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Holly Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – suspicious activity
- Barnabas Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Quelle Lane – medical emergency

- Spring Street – parking violation
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Washburn Park Road – larceny/past
- Smith Neck Road – missing person
- Silvershell Beach – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – larceny/past
- Pinewood Drive – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – gathering
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 5, 2004 through December 11, 2004:

- Blossom Street – assist other agency
- Shipyard Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – assist citizen
- Rebello Lane – ambulance request
- Chapel Road – animal control
- Barstow Street – suspicious persons
- Island View Avenue – assault
- Hammond Street – motor vehicle violations
- Acushnet Road – animal control
- Island View Avenue – harassing/annoying phone calls
- Marion Road – disturbance
- Marion Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Pine Wood Way – animal control
- North Street – fire
- Water Street – motor vehicle accident
- Homestead Court – ambulance request
- County Road – property found
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Park Street – domestic disturbance
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Sherwood Avenue – fire
- County Road – assault
- County Road – property returned
- Marina Drive – house check
- Acushnet Road – mutual aid/police
- County Road – suspicious persons
- North Street – suspicious persons

- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- North Street – animal control
- Acushnet Road – assist citizen
- Ocean View Avenue – fire
- County Road – animal control
- Island View Avenue – serve warrant
- Park Street/Driscoll Lane – gunshots reported
- Route 6 – motor vehicle violations.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 7, 2004 through December 14, 2004:

- Cranberry Highway – suspicious motor vehicle
- Jason's Lane – animal control
- Bindas Way – fire
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Burgess Avenue – property found/lost/recovered
- Dexter Lane – officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Road – burglar alarm
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – fire
- Marion Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Burgess Avenue – vandalism
- Rounseville Road – assist citizen
- Coombs Road – officer wanted
- Main Street – assist other agency
- Coombs Road – annoying phone calls
- Bates Road – fire alarm
- Neck Road – vandalism
- Dexter Lane – animal control
- Neck Road – vandalism
- Marion Road – officer wanted
- Bowens Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Featherbed Lane – domestic disturbance/adult arrest (assault and battery, resisting arrest)
- Cushman Road – motor vehicle accident
- High Street – trespassing
- North Street – assist other agency
- Neck Road – animal control
- Neck Road – motor vehicle stop
- Snipatuit Road – ambulance request
- Mendell Road – burglar alarm.

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To sign up to volunteer for First Night 2005, please contact Susan Grace at 508-993-1999.

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59 Delany and Wynter
60 Time of your life
63 Head line?
65 Susann or Shake-speare
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70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
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76 Gulliver's first name
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79 Wattle's partner
81 Speculation
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89 Part 4 of remark
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103 Computer image

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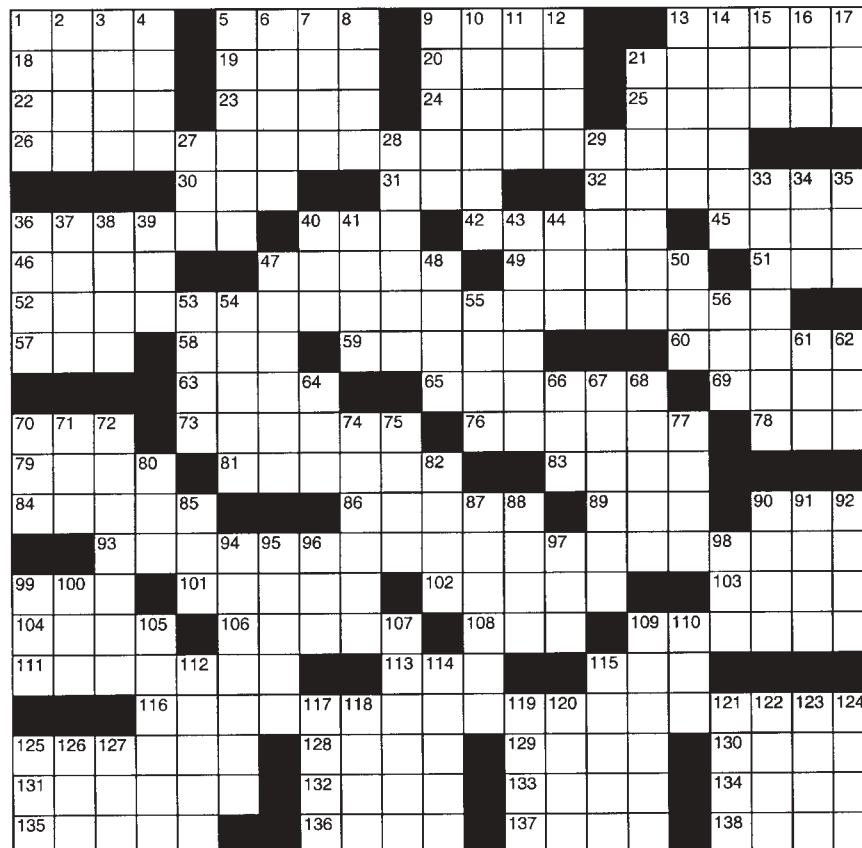
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4 Choir member
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55 Handle harshly
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91 Oxford, e.g.

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97 Cinnabar, for instance
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100 "Holy smoke!"
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club's Annual Christmas Party will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 18 in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church with punch and hors d'oeuvres. Following a fellowship time with friends and neighbors there will be a delicious dinner catered by Riccardi's at 6:45 pm. The menu will be baked stuffed chicken breast with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, garden vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, crusty rolls and butter, cake squares, assorted pastry, coffee and punch. The price of the meal will be \$12.50 per person and checks, payable to "the Maconchu Club," may be sent to Betty Parker, P.O. Box 1567, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Entertainment after the meal will be stories of Christmas legends and a joint singing of familiar Christmas carols. The Congregational Church is located at 27 Church Street and the club hopes that everyone will come, regardless of membership, and make this a community Christmas party.

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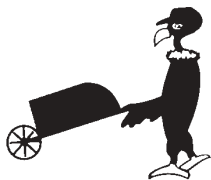
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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF APPEALS The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, December 16, 2004 in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on the application of the Town of Marion for a variance under section(s) 5.1,8.3(2), 9 and 8.2(4) of the zoning by-law to allow the creation of two lots. One lot will be for the proposed transfer station, the other lot will include the existing cell tower site. The Town is also seeking a special permit under section(s) G.1(2)(a) and (b) and 8.2(4) of the zoning by-laws to allow the expansion of a non-conforming use (landfill site). The proposed use will be a transfer station. The property, Landfill Site Benson Brook Road, is further identified as Lot 9 on Assessors' Plan 24. Board of Appeals 12/09, 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF APPEALS The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 PM on Thursday, December 16, 2004 in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on the application of Manuel DeMiranda for a variance under section 4.2(A), 5.1 of the zoning by-laws to allow a 4 unit condominium in accordance with the plans submitted. The property, off Spring Street, is further identified as Lot 38 on Assessors' Plan 24. Board of Appeals 12/09, 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1210 submitted by TEMERAIRE REALTY TRUST, C/O DAVID BRAMLEY, to upgrade the septic system at 38 Register Road to Title 5 Standards within the 100' buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The property is further identified as Lot 165 on Marion Assessors' Plan 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Jeffrey W. Oakes, Chairman 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 3, 2004 at 8:00 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the following Special Permit Applications by John D'Italia (1) Section 4.2.G Table of Principal Uses Retail Uses to allow a general retail establishment and (2) Intensity of Use Regulations Section 5.1.12 to allow a lesser setback. Property is located on Point Road and Wareham Street and is identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 10 Lots 18, 20, and 32. John Rockwell, Chairman 12/16, 12/23</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH The Rochester Board of Health will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 4:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, on the application of Antonio Sol, dba/Sol Brothers, Inc. 118 Cushman Road, Rochester, MA for the Site Assignment for Piggery License. John LaFreniere, Chairman 12/16, 12/23</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by G.A.F. Engineering on behalf of Robert Inches, 37 Old Connecticut Path, Wayland, MA 01778. The proposed project is to repair an existing licensed stone and mortar pier. The repair includes placement of large stones at the end of the pier within the existing pier footprint. The large armour stones will be machine placed from a barge. The project is located at 12 Ned's Point Road, and is further identified as Lot 110 on Assessor Map 7. Conservation Commission 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 2004 at 8:30 PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Richard C. Selski Sr. and Elizabeth Zelski. The applicant proposes to upgrade the Septic System to Title 5 standards within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. The project is located at 51 Shore Road, and is further identified as Lot 116 on Assessor Map 4. Conservation Commission 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 27, 2004 at 7:10 PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Timothy D. Sylvia, 17 Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The applicant proposes to remove wood plank bridge and construct an earthen crossing. The project is located at 17 Crystal Spring Road, and is further identified as Lot 38B on Assessor Map 18. Conservation Commission 12/16</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT: Brandt Beach Sewer Extension Project LOCATION: Brandt Beach area in Mattapoisett PROPONENT: Mattapoisett Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before December 15, 2004 This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62 62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from Ronald A. Michalski, PE, Tighe and Bond, Inc., Westfield, MA 01085 413-572-3203. Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Mattapoisett where they may be inspected. The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten day, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation sessions, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project. BY: Mattapoisett Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners 12/16</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN In accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 56, the Board of Selectmen will hold a Fiscal 2005 Property Tax Classification Hearing on Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 7:05 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall, located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the percentage(s) of the FY2005 levy to be borne by each class of taxable real and personal property. All persons interested in this determination may appear and be heard at the time and place mentioned above. Anyone who would like to submit written comments should submit those comments to the Board of Selectmen, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 no later than noon on Tuesday, December 21, 2004. For the Board of Selectmen Michael J. Botelho, Town Administrator 12/16</p>

influenza vaccine supply in the Commonwealth, it will be necessary to prioritize existing doses for those individuals who have the greatest risk of severe complications or life threatening illness from influenza and some categories of health care workers. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has determined that health care providers should use the limited supply of inactivated influenza vaccine for individuals in the following high risk categories, which are considered of equal importance:

- All children aged 6 to 23 months;
- All adults aged 75 years or older;
- Residents of long-term care and assisted living facilities;
- Children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- Individuals aged 2 to 74 years with one or more chronic medical conditions requiring frequent or ongoing medical management. This includes individuals with a chronic disorder of the pulmonary or cardiovascular system, and those with chronic metabolic diseases, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies or immunosuppression;
- This does not include adults 18 to 49 years of age with diabetes who only require diet or exercise for control.
- This does not include adults whose only condition is hyperlipidemia, controlled hypertension, arthritis, dermatitis, or any other diagnosis which does not increase the risk of complications from influenza.
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- All health care workers 50 years of age or older who provide direct patient care and those 49 years of age and younger who provide direct patient care to severely immunocompromised patients in protected environments, because these health care workers are not eligible for FluMist®;
- Any other individual who is in a high risk category, as defined by the October 5, 2004 Recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and who, in the professional judgment of their health care provider, is at high risk for severe complications or life threatening illness from influenza. (Physician's note

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2. GEOGRAPHY: Which nation consists of 7,100 islands divided into 72 provinces?
3. U.S. STATES: In which state is Lake Winnebago located?
4. POLITICAL SCIENCE: What is the term for a government led by two rulers?
5. RELIGION: What do Buddhists call the attainment of supreme bliss?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: During which month is the Masters golf tournament held each year?
7. MUSIC: What is a mazurka?
8. ANATOMY: Where would you find the sternum in the human body?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who flew too close to the Sun and melted the wax on his wings?
10. TELEVISION: What city provided the setting for the long-running TV show "Frasier"?

Answers

1. Samuel Goldwyn
2. Philippines
3. Wisconsin
4. Dyarchy
5. Nirvana
6. April
7. Polish dance
8. The chest
9. Icarus
10. Seattle

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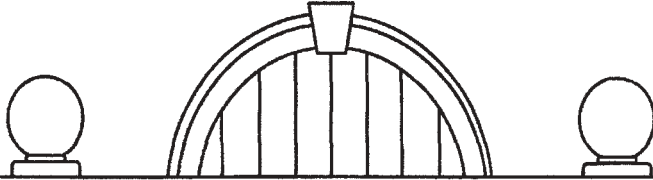
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PFLAG Meeting

There will be *NO* meeting of PFLAG in December. The next meeting of this information and support group for Families and Friends of Lesbians And Gays will be on Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Memorial Church (Harrop Center, 47 Center Street) in Fairhaven.

Mattapoisett Transfer Station


The winter hours now in effect for the Mattapoisett Transfer Station are Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Mattapoisett Board of Health at 508-758-4112.



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Vytas Baksys, pianist, received his DMA and MM in performance at SUNY at Stony Brook. He earned his Bachelors degree with Distinction from the New England Conservatory of Music where he was also elected Phi Kappa Lambda. Other awards include Outstanding College Student of America, Extraordinary Performing Arts Student of America, and a nomination for inclusion in a recent edition of the *International Who's Who In Music*. Principal teachers include Angel Ramon Rivera, Victor Rosenbaum, and Gilbert Kalish.

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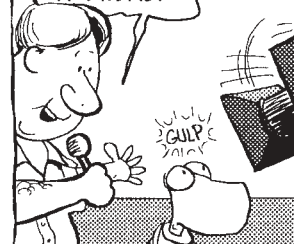
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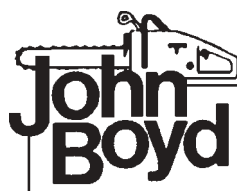
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Crest, Sony Classical, and Deutsche Grammophon labels. Being of Lithuanian descent, he has made frequent appearances at ethnic cultural centers including the Baltic American Society.

Timothy Roberts is an active cellist, teacher and chamber musician in the Boston area. He has performed with the Smithsonian Chamber Players in New York and Washington DC and recorded with them on Deutsche Harmonia Mundi. He has toured with the Vienna Choir Boys as a member of the Brandenburg Ensemble, with Alea III to Greece, and with the New England Ragtime Ensemble under Gunther Schuller. Mr. Roberts has also played with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Ballet, the Florida Orchestra, the Opera Company of Boston, the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra and the Boston Classical Orchestra. He has performed numerous chamber and solo recitals in Boston, Chicago, Florida, and the Washington, DC area. Mr. Roberts is Founder and Artistic Director of the Art of Music Chamber Players, which began performances in the summer of 1997. He plays a Gabrielli cello, 1751.

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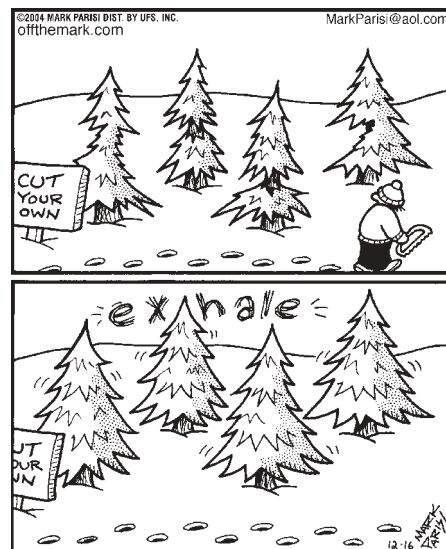
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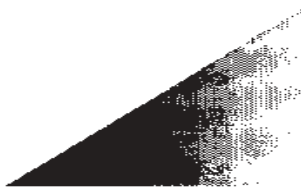
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December 17:	Fri.	...	12:18	5:18	6:27
December 18:	Sat.	12:47	1:16	6:57	7:36
December 19:	Sun.	1:46	2:14	8:42	8:32
December 20:	Mon.	2:45	3:13	9:45	9:14
December 21:	Tues.	3:44	4:11	10:35	9:47
December 22:	Wed.	4:40	5:05	11:16	10:21
December 23:	Thurs.	5:30	5:52	11:51	10:57
December 24:	Fri.	6:16	6:36	...	12:22
December 25:	Sat.	6:57	7:16	12:01	12:55
December 26:	Sun.	7:35	7:55	12:19	1:31
December 27:	Mon.	8:12	8:34	1:02	2:09
December 28:	Tues.	8:47	9:14	1:45	2:45
December 29:	Wed.	9:23	9:54	2:28	3:21
December 30:	Thurs.	10:01	10:36	3:09	3:56
December 31:	Fri.	10:41	11:19	3:50	4:30
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